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Subject:Urgent Request from Mike Jones

Tried to call Alison, but she's OTS

Mike sent me the following bbms:

Getting a lot of pressure to confirm a public number on rcmp. City seemed comfortable providing, so if it's a problem we may want to ask them to stop sharing, but wondering what we can say at this point.

My reply:

Mike, we now have more than 275 members sworn in under the Ottawa Police's command as of late yesterday. That said, it does not mean that we have all of these resources on the ground throughout the day and night. These resources are a pool to ensure we have enough long term capacity to support the 50 we provide daily. Putting the number out there will likely create unmanageable expectations. so as you pointed out, we don't release numbers.

From Mike:

Thanks for this. I think we can frame that in a way that doesn't let it get away from us if that works for you? Happy to take a pass from our end, but the Centre asking us to give some granularity at a noon avail tomorrow. The minister is going to be in an awkward spot for not being able to confirm a number that is already being reported by ctv, so would be good if we could get some tight bullets on what we can say.

Maybe something like "we currently provide at least 50 rcmp officers daily and have pool of several hundred officers sworn in under OPS command that can be drawn upon as needed." ?

When I asked when he needed it he replied:

Later this eve would be ideal as I've got to chase all the approvals